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BY J.U.S.T. MAY PIP HELLAS' TITLE BID

By MORRIE BUCKNER

A quick look at the State League ladder suggests that South Melbourne-Hellas has tucked away the championship, but if J.U.S.T. maintains its current form and manages to topple the leader on Saturday, it will give Wilhelmina at least a fighting chance to win the flag on goal percentage in the two matches it has yet to play against Melbourne and J.U.S.T.

J.U.S.T. has a tremendous incentive to beat Hellas, too — it is level pegging with George Cross and is only one point behind Hakoah, and if it can pick up a few points in this game and in its replay against Wilhelmina, it could make the "final four" and become eligible to join 15 other teams in the all-State Australian Cup tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MANNY AND S. MELB. - HELLAS!

JUST before going to press, Soccer Weekly learned that the State Council of the Federation has rejected the replay decision in the Wilhelmina - J.U.S.T. match protest.

This puts an end to all the "ifs" and "buts" about the possibility of Wilhelmina winning the championship on goal percentage, and clears the way for hearty congratulations to Hellas, its players and, above all, to Mr Manny Poulakakis.



Manny came to Melbourne and took over this team about one year ago. This team? Well, not quite. The team he took over was a group of temperamental prima donnas, with tons of ability, but with neither discipline nor self-control.

As a result, they played inconsistent football, depending entirely on their temperament on the day.

By June of this year, Manny's methods had produced a team which concentrated on football. He got results because he made it quite clear that any player would be dropped if he showed any signs that he thought he went out on to a soccer pitch for any reason other than to play the ball, to co-operate with his team mates, or to win the match by any other means than the use of his playing ability and his sense of sportsmanship.

From that time on, Hellas became the soundest team in the State League. It won the support of Melbourne's large Greek community. And its fans have behaved with the same sense of good sportsmanship that Manny demands from his players.

So — it's congratulations to Hellas and its players, plus a Twelve-gun salute to Mr Manny Poulakakis.

J.U.S.T. beat Hellas 1-0 in June and is the only team in the league that has not been beaten by Hellas this season. But since that game, Hellas has been undefeated in 10 matches.

In those 10 rounds, Hellas has put up the splendid record of eight wins and two draws, with a goal tally of 24 "for" and seven "against". That's consistency — PLUS!

In the same 10 weeks, J.U.S.T. recorded four wins, four draws, and two defeats, with a goal average of 16 to 15 — a record which compares most unfavorably with that of Hellas.

GOAL-MAKER

Star goal-maker Kamboropoulos, who was out with influenza last week, will be back in the side on Saturday. He has helped to produce one or more goals in every game in which he has appeared since his arrival here in June, and his presence will be worth at least a goal to Hellas.

Margarites, Papadopoulos, Tsolakis, Hatzeletheriou, Smith and Bedford are worth at least another goal between them, so J.U.S.T. can count on an initial handicap of two goals.

This throws a terrific load on Marinovic, Madenovic and van der Poel, made heavier by the efficiency of their opposition — Xanthopoulos, Kour-



KAMBOROPOULOS the star goal-maker.

Hellas claim flag, BUT —

CRASH TRY FOR "FOUR"



UP THEY GO! South Melbourne-Hellas centre-forward "Corky" Hatzeletheriou jumps high to head the ball at Middle Park on Saturday. He beats a Moreland defender, and his side also won the State League match 5-1. Photo by Soccer Weekly staff photographer Uwe Kuessner.



KEN WAUGH JOINS HAKOAH SOCCER CLUB

Koulakis, Mantarakas and Ieremiades.

This defence, plus regular goalkeeper Karpoulas and often including Kaligeros at right full-back, has conceded no goals in six of its games, and one goal in 12 games.

On only three occasions this season have opponents taken more than one goal from Hellas. In the first two rounds of the season, on March 31 and April 7, Wilhelmina and Juventus both succeeded in scoring two goals. The only other exception occurred on May 19 when Slavia scored an upset 3-2 win.

Taking all this into consideration, it is hard to see how J.U.S.T., with only one Micic, one Ruzmir, one Madenovic and one Marinovic can toss Hellas.

We think that J.U.S.T. could win only if, by some miracle, it could multiply each of these four players by two.

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ON THE BALL

Young Johnny Margarites, the brilliant South Melbourne - Hellas forward, rushes in to kick the ball goalwards as a veteran Moreland full-back comes to the rescue.

The Moreland player is Eric Heath (right), who is also treasurer of the Victorian Soccer Federation. It was just another exciting moment at Middle Park last Saturday, captured in the lens of our staff photographer's camera.

While we are still marvelling at the advent of Kamboropoulos, Campbell and Doherty, Hakoah have slipped a new player into Melbourne who promises to be just as good.

He is Ken Waugh, 26 years of age and has first division experience with Newcastle United. After playing 15 games for them in 1957, he lost his place through injury to Dick Keith, now Ireland's number one choice at left-back.

The following year Ken was transferred to Hartlepool United, with whom he played over 150 first team games.

There is no doubt that Hakoah plan to eclipse their neighbor, Hellas, next season and the experience of Ken Waugh at full-back will stand them in good stead.

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I suggested that such a match could be played to provide funds for a worthy purpose. The players would be pleased and proud to play in such an exhibition game, the selected fund would benefit, and our fans would see the class of soccer that they've been longing to see and which, when properly played, has no equal in any other code of football.

Last weekend I heard of a really worthy cause. When I asked Mr. Michael Weinstein, the Chairman of the State League Management Committee, how plans for the propagation of Junior football were progressing, he said that the Junior Federation had been almost completely stalled by lack of funds.

THERE IS THE WORTHY CAUSE! Let our Senior players exhibit a match to help their younger brothers in the game. And let the young uns in free to see them in action — they'll learn plenty!

Imagine these two teams opposed at Olympic Park:

THE BLUES

Yankovic Bukkos
Masie Sklarek
Micie Rusmir
Margaretes Madenovic
Marinovic Kamboropoulos
Biro

THE REDS

Jannsen Falzou
Xanthopoulos
van Alphen
Zientara Dudon
Campbell Docherty
Gibb Jurecki
Sezygalski

And here is a popular and talented reserve player for every position on the field: Beurcht; Kalligeros, Mantarakas, Griggs, Frangione, Tony Vella, Lolly Vella, Hodgson, Barbazza, Kenny, and Copeland.

We have the class, the purpose, and the fans. Let's do something about it!

— MORRIE BUCKNER

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Wilhelmina grab points as Polonia flounder

By Soccer Weekly man-on-the-spot JIM COOK

Polonia 1, Wilhelmina 2, at Tracey's Speedway, Maribyrnong.

TWO PENALTY awards, an astonishing goal from a free-kick and several other near penalty awards highlighted this game, where the teams showed contrasting and differing styles.

In the first half Wilhelmina had the edge and their direct approach to goal almost paid off on several occasions, but it was Polonia who opened the scoring after half an hour when Sklarek converted a penalty for hands against Luyt.

When it looked as if Polonia would change round with a single goal lead, Wilhelmina got an amazing equalising goal just before the whistle blew.

Ollie Norris took a free kick just outside the Polonia 18-yard line. With the home defence lined up the Irishman lofted an

innocent looking ball over their heads which surprisingly beat goalkeeper Gronowski.

The home side came back strongly and for long periods in the second half held the initiative with Zientara and Gasior prompting their forwards with many good passes, but many scoring opportunities were lost through lack of steadiness and haphazard shooting.

Wilhelmina clinched the points at three-quarter time when Sas scored from a penalty after Stoffels was brought down.

Summing-up: Wilhelmina were flattered by their win but Polonia have themselves to blame. Cierpizak at right-half for

Dudon was too intent in niggling with Stoffels all afternoon instead of playing the ball. Tony Vella was wasted at inside-right, while the forwards as a whole require shooting practice. Zientara showed class, although he is not fully tuned-up, and Gasior played

well. Wilhelmina adapted themselves better to the bumpy ground and always looked more dangerous with their finishing. Vleugels, Van Alphen and Norris played well. Referee Strafaci did not enhance his reputation with his handling of this game.

HAKOAH IN 'FOUR'

Croat 2, Hakoah 4
Hakoah regained a place in the top four in beating Croat 4-2 in a game that only the goals gave thrills at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Hakoah opened the game with a keen burst of attacks that had Croat defending stubbornly. Ironically it was Croat who scored first after seven minutes of play.

Inside-forward Ran made no mistake from close range after good passing by Luchic and Adric.

Shaken by the goal Hakoah swung the play into Croat's half and proceeded to attack through Villers, Seenanch and Haynes. Backs Adams and Hartley inter-passed and the ball moved to the right-winger Thomas.

Drawing Adric towards him Thomas calmly lobbed 30 yards to the centre, where opposite winger Carmichael neatly beat Bobetic for the equaliser.

From then on it was all Hakoah with their forwards always dangerous when near goal. Haynes tried, Seenanch blasted in a shot which Bobetic did well to save. Hartley let rip with a 30-yard drive that hit an upright.

Hartley repeated the move shortly afterwards and made no mistake with a solid drive that was still rising as it hit the back of the net.

Half-time: Croat 1, Hakoah 2.

Passing quickly among the forwards the ball was held by Hakoah in the Croat half. Carroll and Slivar kept trying for Croat. Thomas paved the way for Hakoah's third goal with a free kick that Villers calmly headed past Bobetic.

Croat again surprised

Hakoah by attacking with nine men and bunching the Hakoah goal, from the crowd the ball spun to Adric, who beat the out-of-position Mannerling from a few yards.

Just before the whistle Hartley scored from a penalty.

Summing-up: Croat could not hope to win whilst playing in such a sloppy style, players were only hoping when passing or shooting. Full marks to Hakoah for not panicking when their opponents scored, and for playing the brighter football. The game was played with the minimum of fouls and free kicks, which was in itself a change.

Moreland humbled by Hellas

S.M. Hellas 5, Moreland 1, at Middle Park.

TWO goals by centre-forward Hatzeletheriou early in the first half gave Hellas a "rock like" grip on the State League championship.

Moreland had several bright moments when they troubled the home defence and the first half was surprisingly speedy with a good brand of soccer maintained all through.

Both sides missed scoring chances after resumption before Hellas added two further goals through Margarites and Papadopoulos. Moreland got a consolation goal through Glover, but just on time Hatzeletheriou completed his hat-trick to make it a nap hand for Hellas.

Summing up: An entertaining game with Hellas superior in all departments and Moreland striving hard to belie their lowly position. Despite a head accident late in the game Hatzeletheriou, with his hat-trick, was outstanding, with Margarites and Tsolakis not far behind.

Teenager Docherty in the Moreland goal, despite a lapse with one goal, performed heroics against incessant Hellas attacks.

WON IN THE WET

Melbourne 3, J.U.S.T. 5

J.U.S.T. beat Melbourne 5-3 in the wettest game of the season at Olympic Park on Sunday. Although winning J.U.S.T. may slip out of a chance for the top four by their goal average.

Melbourne (th) up a good performance and started off by scoring in the first minute with Menich on the mark.

J.U.S.T. came to life and after making the conditions bet settled down to equalise through Marinovic.

Grego put J.U.S.T. into the lead only to have Melbourne fight back and bring the half-time score level at 2-2 with another goal by ex-Junior Menich.

Piling on the pressure J.U.S.T. took only five minutes after the interval to jump into the lead. Centre-forward Van der Poel scored two quick goals to completely take the sting out of the Melbourneites.

Marinovic scored his second and the team's fifth goal to give J.U.S.T. a good win. Towards the final whistle Melbourne swept upfield for Pribil to score Melbourne's third and last goal.

Summing-up: Although J.U.S.T. won comfortably they may have lost any chance of making the top four on a goal average basis by letting Mel-

bourne score so many goals and by not taking advantage to score more themselves with the many chances they had. Entertaining game considering the conditions.

They left it late

Juventus 3, Slavia 1, at Elsternwick Park.

SLAVIA started off as if they would crush Juventus but the Italians took control after 15 minutes but found Berry and Barotajs a stumbling block in their aspiration to score.

The game took on a different aspect after half-time and Juventus really went to town with attack after attack in which Acunzo and Biro ripped holes in the Slavia defence flanks. Biro put Juventus ahead but Cook equalised soon after.

Late in the game Biro passed to Rajenkovi, who scored to put Juventus in front and Bressan added a third goal after a great run.

Summing-up: Slavia started off as world-beaters but flattered to deceive. Only great defensive work by Barotajs and Berry kept the score down but up front Slavia were weak.

Geo. Cross couldn't tame Lions

Lions 2, George Cross 1, at Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne.

BANG goes George Cross' hopes of appearing in the Australia Cup unless, of course, something unforeseen happens.

Minus the two "C's"—Campbell and Copeland—the Cross gave one of their most lethargic displays for many a long day and although they had the bulk of the first half their players persisted in overkicking and ballooning the ball.

Winger Wirt showed his speed when he flashed past Falzon after 18 minutes to cross accurately to Larusso, who netted

with a flashing angular drive.

George Cross got on level terms just before half-time when Abela scored to beat Voigt with a low shot.

In the second half the Lions ran rampant and again Wirt and Larusso played havoc with the George Cross defence, the latter scoring from a rebound off the bar.

Lions continued to pin George Cross down with the aid of the wind and left-winger Castalunga should have increased the Lions' lead when he failed with only Azzopardi to beat.

Summing-up: A well-deserved victory for

Lions, who played as a team all through. Voigt, Larusso and Kleinert were the "big boys" in a side where all pulled their weight.

The only remaining feature about George Cross was the form shown by Abela after his long absence.

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SUSPENDED

Players E. Bottari and W. Copeland were both suspended for two weeks by the Disciplinary Tribunal last Thursday.

They were found guilty of fighting in the George Cross-Juventus match at Olympic Park.

Both players missed last Saturday's round and also will be missing from next Saturday's final round of the season.

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By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

The last week and everything practically sewn up apart from two annoying protests. In one of the closest finishes ever, S.M. Hellas, by consistent play, superior physical fitness, astute coaching and just more than 11 first team men in the club, made the top. Congratulations to them and thanks for all the readily given official help to we "scribes" at Middle Park.

Moreland look like being the odd man out, as they have been all season, in a card that otherwise could possibly have been a quarter of home wins.

AND IT'S GOODBYE TO MORELAND

Middle Park could see the only game with an element of doubt thrown in, but do not expect Polonia to win what will be a tough slogging 90 minutes.

Moreland how their lonely way out of State League competition, for this year at least, with a visit from the secure Juventus.

Although they are home and housed in the four, the Italians will not take things too easy, and although their recent form has dropped they are still second on the ladder and so much too good for Moreland.

Whyman should be back at centre-half for Moreland, but as the rock-like Frangioni could also be taking the air of freedom again this week, after a suspension term, his inclusion nullifies anything Whyman can produce.

Keuken is the live wire of the home side's middle line and it's surprising, although there may be a good reason for it, why he never occupies the centre berth in an effort to bolster the weak forward line.

Although small in stature Acunzo packs a "big man" wallop, is the forward to watch, and is over-shadowing his more written about team-mates.

Beurecht has proved a life-saver on numerous occasions in a Juventus defence that is just that bit slow in recovery work. By good luck, the Moreland forwards, with the

exception of Connolly, are no sprint champions either. There can be no comparison in the sides and a win in a canter to the visitors.

For the time being
"goodbye Moreland"

Hope to see you some more in 1964, with a rejuvenated team, which should be no difficulty as there are plenty of good players on your side of the city.

DOHERTY'S DAY

Both teams in today's game at Port Melbourne will be playing on their own ground, which will keep at least one thing equal from the start.

However, that's where I feel the equality will end. Not that Slavia are so much better than Lions, but merely because they have the one big advantage in the shape of John Doherty.

In spite of this obvious advantage Slavia must bear in mind that whereas a win and two points to them will put no one up or down, the same two points could mean a life-saver to the Lions.

Only two points behind Croat, plus a game in hand, gives them the slimmest of chances to draw away from the relegation drop. A replay with Polonia is the game up the sleeve. But some queer results usually fill the scoreboard at the end of the season.

Lions registered a well-merited victory over George Cross last week and have all the incentive in this game to triumph again.

Voigt is in tremendous form between the sticks and the return of March to the pivot has steadied an otherwise erratic defence, in which Rodeck, along with Kleintert, plays well when everyone pulls their weight at the same time.

Up front the speedy Wirt has struck a patch of form the Lions hope he maintains long enough to give Watson the on-the-ground passes that make all the difference to his game.

The heaviest weight, of course, will be on the Lions' defence in coping with Doherty. Bill Cook appears to have the best means of co-operation with this class player.

At centre Cook needs two men to watch him and literally "shoulders" much of the weight down the middle. His quick dashes and clashes throw many a loose ball out of the encounter, a happening that could mean numerous scoring opportunities for Doherty.

Berry may be back at centre-half for Slavia, which is always a good sign, but not for Lions. Barotajis is still playing confidently to maintain Slavia's strength straight up the middle.

This main stem, plus Doherty and capable supporting offshoots in Glenie, Kicas and Haasz, should be enough to wear down a Lions' side that will be fighting fiercely all the way in this Port Melbourne "derby".

HAKOAH CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THIS ONE

The Poles travel to Middle Park for an encounter that should be of great interest to clubs like George Cross and J.U.S.T. in view of their proximity to this elusive "four."

Hakoah can't afford to lose and Polonia are in a somewhat happier position of having nothing to lose if they lose, so with the pressure right off they can afford to go all out for victory.

The return of Rogers to the Hakoah half-line could stabilise that area, where it will be particularly required this week, as the appearance once again of Edmund Zientara has made its effect already and the Polish star looks like being one of the recent importations capable of living up to a reputation.

Fully recovered from his ankle injury, Zientara is a player of obvious class, but may have "Doherty trouble" inasmuch as he could be required to play and think for his fellow forwards.

Mike Jurecki will again be an absentee from Polonia centre berth, something that will make the Hakoah task much easier.

Jurecki, in fact, may be out for the remainder of the season, which will be a blow to any hopes Polonia may have entertained about going places in the Dockerty Cup.

The unvarying style of Hakoah makes them a tough side to beat in their own neck of the woods.

TOYS WANTED

Hakoah supporters' club are still appealing for toys for their Christmas kiddie-party. This is a very good cause, so please, have any other toys for those old unwanted toys, and hand them in to the Hakoah club rooms or to Mr Davies at Olympic Park, who will pass them on.

In case there may have been some misunderstanding in our last announcement, our play and member is sponsoring an orphan child at the party, so it will be a bumper day out for these children. So please, help the good people of the Hakoah soccer club, send the toys rolling in.

G. C. BALL

The annual Malta National Day Ball held under the auspices of the George Cross supporters' club will be held at the Royale Ballroom on September 8.

This is one of the big soccer evenings of the year. Don't miss it! Tickets are available from all George Cross officials.

Dockerty Cup Draw

The draw for the first round of the Dockerty Cup was made last Sunday. It is: George Cross v Lions, Croatia v Polonia, S.M. Hellas v Box Hill, Richmond v Slavia, Wilhelmina v Croat, Melbourne v Juventus, J.U.S.T. v Moreland, Sandringham or Austria v Hakoah.

Probable date is September 1. Matches to be played on grounds of first named clubs with the proviso that they must be on enclosed grounds.

Box Hill will be rubbing their hands after drawing Hellas away. Even if they lose there is the prospect of sharing the best gate of the round.

and their physical fitness is unquestioned; something that could account for their injury-free season so far. In comparison Polonia have had a rough time through more than usual injuries and were forced to buy players in an effort to bolster a side that fell away because of poor reserves.

Dudon will be in action again at Middle Park, and his never-tiring efforts, coupled with what will certainly be intelligent support from Zientara, could make this the most interesting game of the day.

There is no substitute for Jurecki, although Gronowski fires in some thunderbolts, the leading-up work is not there and

this weakness could well be exploited by the Hakoah defence, which, with goals against, is no better than their opponents of today.

The homesters have a good advantage with their familiar forward line and this alone, I think, will sway the balance in favor of Hakoah.

PETER BASIC'S ENGAGEMENT

Star Croatia inside-forward Peter Basic plans to become engaged next Sunday to a supporter J. Ragus.

He transferred from J.U.S.T. at the beginning of the season and is the leading goal scorer with 15 goals.

Player with a punch!

This week we have news of a soccer man who packs a punch with his fist... He is middle-weight boxer Hans Waschewski, who trains every Monday and Wednesday with the Lions Soccer Club.

Lions secretary Wally Wirt said yesterday that although Hans hasn't turned out for Lions, he's fast and trains well with the players.

Hans last week lost narrowly on points to Sammy Wheeler for the Victorian middle title. All he said was "unlucky to lose".

Now Hans is off to Germany for four fights. He leaves Sunday week for his first fight in Frankfurt on September 7.

He has other fights in Hamburg, Dortmund and Cologne before returning to Melbourne.

Easy for George Cross — or will it be?

In line with a number of other self-styled "experts," I was further out than the latest Russian astronauts over the forecast of George Cross versus Lions last week.

I might as well be wrong again about Croat and say an easy win to the Maltese, which is probably all the incentive Croat need to hand out another trouncing to George Cross and emulate the feat of their new neighbors, Lions.

In the cold light of reality it must be faced that Campbell will be back, and since his arrival from Scotland there's no doubt the recent revival of a mediocre Cross team to a bracket in the top six can be firmly planted at the Campbell doorstep.

With Campbell, and to a lesser degree, Bill Copeland, George Cross can take on the lot, but without them they are a very bedraggled combination.

Making his first appearance for some weeks Abela played more intelligently than his fellow forwards, which was no great hardship, and deserves another run this week. The tall Gibb will be happy to have Campbell back again, as the centre needs more room than a double-decker bus to turn, and whoever was responsible for putting him out on the corral fence ought to have been on his way home before half-time.

Croat needs points desperately to avoid the now existing threat from Lions, who could beat Slavia next week to draw level on the ladder.

Croat's defence is no great shakes, but if they follow the Lions' tactics of allowing the Maltese inside men to strangle themselves, their wing-halves will have plenty of time to help their forwards put added pressure on the usually strong-going Cross defence.

A good supply line to Campbell will chalk up a win to the home side.

NZ BATTLING IN SOCCER

Mr Theo Marmaras, Federation chairman, has just returned from a five-day business trip to New Zealand.

He told Soccer Weekly that soccer is progressing as well in NZ as it is here in Victoria.

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• J.U.S.T. v S.M. Hellas (Olympic Park).

• Hakoah v Polonia (Middle Park).

• George Cross v Coat (Showgrounds).

• Slavia v Lions (Port Melbourne).

• Moreland v Juventus (Campbell Res., Moreland).

SUNDAY — OLYMPIC PARK

• Wilhelmina v Melbourne.

Maccabi must make the big drop

St. Albans' big night

St. Albans, the up-and-coming Second Division North club, will hold a surprise social night tomorrow (Friday), August 24, at 8 o'clock.

Mr Peter Ernstrang, the club's president, tells us the night will be the first of its kind in St. Albans.

Club officials have the support of W. D. and H. D. Willis, the Craven A. King-size Silver Arm, and they will be the toast of the evening.

All soccer and non-soccer people are welcome. Proceeds in aid of ground improvements. The place? St. Albans Public Hall, near the station.

APPRECIATION—FROM M.C.R.A.

MGRA chairman of directors, Mr Harold Matthews, said yesterday: "We really appreciated the letter we received from the Victorian Soccer Association wishing us a very successful opening meeting."

"It was a very friendly gesture also by the soccer body to allow us to parade greyhounds at the half-time interval of the Melbourne v. J.U.S.T. game on No. 1 oval on Sunday afternoon and publicise our opening meeting."

"I'm sure the friendly relations between our two sports will continue to be of mutual benefit," Mr Matthews said.

The way I see it, Maccabi must take the big plunge down into a lower grade next season as their position in the First North seems hopeless.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

The relegation picture once again takes the spotlight. Maccabi are doomed. Their 7-0 loss to Croatia has meant that they can't make up a three-point leeway with only one match to play.

The second team to be demoted will come from Collingwood, Sicilia, Heidelberg and Corio.

The only team to win out of these four last Saturday was Collingwood, who overcame Sunshine City.

The Collingwood-Sicilia match could be quite easily classified as the most important match of the whole season. The future of both clubs hinges on the result of this game. A victory to either club would save it from relegation, and a draw could also save the team.

If Collingwood were to win, they would stave off relegation, and the result would not affect Sicilia very much, as they are strongly tipped to gain the points on protest over the result of the unemployed match with Alexander.

I am tipping Collingwood to win. The other two relegation prospects, Corio and Heidelberg, both have very

By ONLOOKER

tough matches this weekend against Box Hill and Croatia.

As both clubs will no doubt lose, goal average must be taken into consideration to decide Maccabi's partner in the Second Division North next year.

Corio is my tip to remain as a First Division North team.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

The second team to accompany Trident into a lower grade next year will be either Makedonia or Geelong. Makedonia lead the Geelong team by one point, but have a game in hand.

Both teams look like losing; Brighton should be too strong for Geelong and Dandenong may just overcome Makedonia.

Richmond have sewn up first position on the ladder, and Sandringham appear to have the second position secure. The league leaders should boost their goal average in their final match in First Division soccer, against Trident.

Sandringham have a difficult game away at Oakleigh and will be lucky to gain both points. A draw should be the result.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Coburg, as announced earlier, will be promoted to a higher grade, but a tense struggle is being

fought out between Williamstown and Libertas for the second berth. Williamstown have a two-point lead over Libertas, and a better percentage, but the Italian team have a game in hand.

Williamstown should win the remaining match of the season against Commonwealth Banks and should further boost their percentage.

Libertas has a difficult match against Fairfield, who fight on until the end of every game.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

The fight for the second position and promotion in the Second South is being tensely fought out between four clubs, Park Rangers, South Yarra, FND and Frankston.

All the clubs have 26 points except Frankston, 25.

However, South Yarra and Frankston have a game in hand, and if they win their remaining matches, South Yarra should be the second club.

South Yarra faces an easy match this week against Rosebud, while Frankston should not have much trouble in defeating Croeydon.

The other leaders play difficult matches. Tristram should put FND out of the promotion struggle this Saturday, and if Park Rangers were to draw with Prahran they would also be out of the hunt.

ENGLAND'S SECRET BLUEPRINT FOR CUP

Tucked away in the files of the Football Association lies one of the most important documents in the world of soccer, England's World Cup plans.

It is a 28-page dossier that will be submitted to the FIFA Organising Committee in the near future.

It's the new look in soccer. For instance, one item dealing with TV coverage mentions that it is estimated that \$250,000 will be taken for coverage. But this could be an under-estimation in hard cash as by 1966 the new type TV satellites may mean "live" screening to the whole world.

Master mind behind the document is Sir Stanley Rous, ex-FA secretary and now president of FIFA.

The plan proposes that England will be split into four areas — North East, West, Midlands and London — with the best grounds in each area being used.

The plan recommends that the main grounds in these areas be improved in many respects such as: increased seating accom-

modation, improved covered facilities for meals and refreshments, special facilities for TV, Press and radio and king size score boards showing full team lists.

One semi-final may be played outside London, but the final itself would be at Wembley.

It is estimated that at least one million pounds will be taken as receipts and this may be stepped up with money from pools firms who may run special coupons on the World Cup.

The report is too comprehensive to cover in every detail but a small army of selected soccer VIP's will meet players and officials coming off the planes at various airports.

All it now needs is the final approval of FIFA and with Sir Stanley at the helm that appears to be just a formality.

—JIM COOK

DOGS WAG THEIR TAILS

Greyhound racing at Olympic Park No. 2 Oval last Monday night opened most successfully with an attendance of more than 6000 patrons despite the blizzard cold weather conditions.

The meeting was officially opened by the Chief Secretary, Mr Rylah, who was accompanied by Members of Parliament from each political party, and Melbourne City councillors, after the third race by cutting a white ribbon across the track.

Judging by the attendance on such a night as last Monday, the "gates" will be much bigger in the warmer summer months, with consequent benefit to the revenue of the Olympic Park Trustees, which will be spent on further improvements to all stadiums at the ground.

There will be another greyhound meeting on No. 2 Oval next Monday night and our experienced tipster, "Longtail", predicts punters again will land their fair share of winners in the top-class program, which includes feature events over 500 and 800 yards for sprinters and stayers and a 560-yards handicap hurdle.

Here are his tips: "LONGTAIL" SELECTS

- 1—Alonga Miss, 1 Lady Bettina, 2 Gee Tee Vee, 3
 - 2—Mulga Doon, 1 Minby, 2 Gay Dash, 3
 - 3—Minor Dinah, 1 Rio Dash, 2 Sally Lass, 3
 - 4—Coma's Pride, 1 Chief Nan, 2 Maid of Cork, 3
 - 5—Ima Surprise, 1 Zephyr Queen, 2 Gay Clint, 3
 - 6—Saskaview, 1 Darkie Bobs, 2 Ophir Gold, 3
 - 7—High Script, 1 Cashan, 2 Peg's Dasher, 3
 - 8—Fairbrain Prince, 1 Sir Embers, 2 Smoke Dasher, 3
 - 9—Atomic Bow, 1 Nero Flame, 2 Rose Grace, 3
 - 10—Alonga Prince, 1 Beau Ros, 2 Tiger Vision, 3
- Best bets: Ima Surprise, Saskaview, High Script. Quinellas: Mulga Doon-Minby, Ima Surprise-Zephyr Queen.

Veteran at thirty?

Soccer has been a victim of the fallacy of youth for too long. Our eagerness to level the description "veteran" at any player approaching his thirtieth birthday would be funny if it didn't mirror so faithfully one of the most dangerous trends in our game.

Soccer is a young man's game, and it is right and proper that youngsters should be given every possible encouragement at the outset.

But let us keep things in perspective. The widely-held belief that a player is

in his prime when he is around 22 is touching but naive.

However good a player is at this age, he should be much better when he is 26. He is still in his prime physically, but to this asset gootman now add experience.

What about Alfredo di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas, who have made the Real Madrid club the best in the world? Both these players are in their mid-thirties! There is also Selwyn Matthews, whose case-history lends weight to this argument.

Mind you, I'm not saying all players could still be playing first class soccer when they're in their mid-thirties. A lot depends on the club, and the position. It is much easier to play with a club which is constantly doing well. You don't do less running, but when you are winning the effort involved seems so much less.

There are also certain positions which call for less mobility. I would say that if you were a goalkeeper, a centre-half or a winger your chances of staying in the game were better.

—JIM COOK

★ YOUR MATCH REPORTS ★

South Yarra v. Park Rangers

The game was played at Middle Park in a very blustery wind.

South Yarra played with the wind and were soon in attack. They kept the pressure up, but bunching of the forwards and the defence in the Rangers' goalmouth made scoring practically impossible. Mid-way through the first half Keith Bain from a scrimmage in the penalty box drove home an unstoppable shot, giving South Yarra a 1-0 lead. Half-time: 1-0.

On resumption Rangers attacked and continually had the ball in the Yarra half, for at one time a torrid ten minutes was had by the South Yarra defence in which the Rangers' forward line continually peppered the Yarra boys' goal. After surviving this period South Yarra were back in play and the game then saw from end to end.

After 20 minutes Rangers equalised with a well-judged goal and the fight was really on. Five minutes later Jimmy Jones hit the ball straight into the back of the net from a good cross by Danny, the Yarra right-winger, giving Yarra boys a 2-1 lead.

The game ended with a 2-1 victory for South Yarra, who deserved the honors.

minutes. Ten minutes later Williamstown equalised through Spence, from 35 yards. At half-time Seymour were leading 2-1. They increased their lead to 3-1, but Williamstown still played constructive soccer and looked the better team. Williamstown reduced the lead to 3-2 due to a misunderstanding in the Seymour defence. Right-back, Lorenzo scored through his own goal. Minutes later the score was 3-3 when Williamstown right-wing Rosenweil netted. The winning goal came 30 minutes from time when Russell scored for Williamstown.

Final score: Seymour 3, Williamstown 4.

Sandringham v. Brighton

Brighton attacked with the aid of the strong wind but were held out by a resolute Sandringham defence. A defensive lapse in the 20th minute allowed Sullivan in to score Brighton's first goal. Sandringham attacked continuously in the second-half, and Brighton had all their players in their own half. Sandringham lacked finish against the coolness and experience of Langdon and Scott. About 10 minutes from the end from a Hyndman corner, Bell had a strong header which was partially stopped by a Brighton defender, but spearhead Whitham side slipped a goal to equalise.

Best players: Sandringham (Laughton, Whit-

ham, Reid), Brighton (Langdon, Scott and Macartney).

Coburg v. Essendon

In a rugged game Coburg beat Essendon 2-0. Coburg first attacked. They gained three corners in the first three minutes. In the next 15 minutes Coburg attacked strongly and L. Sacco shot over the cross bar. A couple of minutes later Vic Trasad struck the upright with a good shot. Two minutes before half-time there was a flare-up of tempers in the Essendon goal area. The referee ordered off Frank Loughran and Cecil Early (Coburg) and also player Dugdale (Essendon). On the resumption Coburg, with only nine men, attacked throughout. They scored twice through Alce Cairns and Jack Faulkner.

Sicilia 0, Box Hill 2

Sicilia won the toss and kicked with a strong wind. Hagar (Box Hill) brought off a good save in the first few minutes. Parlatone (Sicilia) left the field in the first half with a badly twisted knee. Half-time — no score. On the restart, Box Hill were first to score when Voce sent a low cross over which was deflected into the Sicilia's goal. With 10 minutes Rae scored Box Hill's second goal with a hard-drive from 20 yards.

Best for Box Hill: Hunter, Rae and Kerski.

BLACK EYE FOR DOHERTY

Slavia star forward John Doherty returned from Adelaide, where he'd played for Victoria against S.A., with a black eye. No, he didn't have a fight with a player — he was struck in the eye with the ball!



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By DON SUTHERLAND



OUGH PLAY in all codes of football in Australia was featured last week in the nationally distributed Sydney-printed magazine called "The Bulletin". In an article entitled "End of the Footbrawl Season" this normally well-informed journal scribes at some length its anonymous writer's opinion that rougher attitude has developed in the sports of Rugby Union, Rugby League and Australian Rules, and that "in modern football the ball tends to become a minor consideration," with players and spectators becoming far more aggressive to each other, and to referees and umpires, than in earlier years.

The anonymous writer, under the pen-name of "Jiscus," then goes on to express his opinion that his development towards bigger and better football games to have spread from soccer, where it is commonplace. He then states, "No other code has so few spectators, so much internal dissension, so many player vs. spectator brawls, so many violent attacks on its referees, and so much publicity, including several newspapers devoted entirely to soccer."

The writer then discusses attendances at soccer matches throughout Australia and says that this year's figures are much higher than the handfull year drew 10 years ago, but 7000 in Sydney (for an interstate game) compares poorly with the 40,000 who v. a recent S.A. v. Victoria (Rules) match in Adelaide, despite new and more vigorous Federation control, likely to be many years before club soccer can v. 20,000 anywhere in Australia.

Obviously, the writer is not familiar enough with the art of soccer to have been aware of the attendance at Olympic Park on August 1, when over 20,000 witnessed a clash between Juventus and S.M.-Hellas, when gate receipts were well in excess of £2000!

However, whilst all soccer followers will realise that a writer's opinion is based largely on the fact that his services in Australia, and particularly in Victoria, are to magnify alleged "incidents," whilst at the same time denying the normal news coverage which a sport of such magnitude would usually command, it is hardly surprising to review some aspects of our game, particularly in regard to the disciplining of players and guilty of offences.

HE VICTORIAN Soccer Federation made one of the most progressive moves in the history of our developing game when it secured the services of Mr. O'Connor, who is a Stipendiary Magistrate, as chairman of the investigation and disciplinary committee. Mr. O'Connor, by his firm and impartial handling of every case which has come before him, has earned a respect for the Disciplinary Committee which probably greater than ever before. As a personality, Mr. O'Connor, in his quiet and efficient judicial manner, has made a great impact in Victorian soccer circles and is pleased to acknowledge his unselfish devotion to the most difficult task.

Prior to this season, Mr. O'Connor had never been connected with soccer, but when he was asked to accept the appointment of chairman of the Disciplinary Committee he did so readily. The original offer included a substantial remuneration from the Federation, but this was declined and Mr. O'Connor has performed his outstanding service in a purely honorary capacity. When one considers that the committee has sat every Thursday throughout the season, sometimes going on till the early hours of Friday morning, it is possible to realise the magnitude of the services being rendered by Mr. O'Connor and his committee. In addition to Mr. O'Connor, this committee of dedicated men includes Mr. W. Campbell, Mr. C. Hay, Mr. G. Perissinotto and Mr. P. Bedrossian.

MY PERSONAL opinion of the Disciplinary Committee's decisions have been above criticism and I congratulate them on the job which they have done. Doubtless, however, the committee would be greatly assisted if there was a firmer definition of their powers under our constitution, and by provisions of a list standard penalties for different offences, but which should be varied at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

At last week's council meeting the secretary of the referees' Association, Mr. Bobby Lamb, was invited to explain why the Referees' Association were demanding the attendance of police at certain games, notably home fixtures of the Austria club. It was pointed out to Mr. Lamb that council only recognised the disciplinary Committee as having the power to order police to provide police and that in the future the referees' Association must abide by the decision of the disciplinary Committee.

However, it was fully recognised that referees are entitled to the utmost protection, and any attack on a referee by a player or a spectator should be most severely dealt with. As a result, council passed a resolution that, following any attack on a referee, the disciplinary Committee should be empowered to order police to provide police at all their games for a period up to one full season. This authority to include both home and away matches if the committee should deem this necessary.

With such a heavy penalty likely to be incurred the responsibility for safeguarding a referee's person and property now lies squarely with club officials. All clubs must insist on respect for a referee from both players and supporters, and if they fail in this duty they must be prepared to take the consequences.

THE FOLLY of attacking a referee was strongly underlined last week in the South Melbourne Court when Hellas Reserves' player Tony Karayannis was charged with assault following an alleged attack on referee Matt Rossiter. Karayannis was fined £20, and this should be a lesson to all players that civil charges can and will be brought against them for violent conduct on the football pitch.

IN THE SAME COURT, last Friday, the S.M.-Hellas club was called upon to defend a "breach of contract" suit brought against the club by ex-coach Len Young, whose services were terminated abruptly mid-way through last season. The court decided in favor of Mr. Young to the tune of £150 fees, plus approximately £50-£60 costs.

THE HELLAS CLUB is maintaining constant contact with Mr. Floris (Jim) Demetere, who is still in Greece, both officially through the secretary Mr. Bill Hamilton and through various members of the committee on a friendly basis.

Great interest is being shown by the Cyprus community of Melbourne at the prospect of Hellas bringing out a "crack-a-jack" top-line player from Cyprus. The S.M.-Hellas club are certainly not becoming complacent now that they have reached the top of the ladder, and they are sparing no effort to make this club one of the strongest in Australia. The club has recently secured clubrooms in the heart of the city, 243 Bourke St., right next to the Tivoli Theatre. The splendid administration of the Hellas club lends considerable support to the theory that there is much more to soccer than 11 good players in a team.

IF YOU WOULD like to gain some publicity for your club in Northern Ireland you may be interested in the following letter which has been passed on to me by Hellas publicity officer Mr. Des Hamilton. The letter comes from Mr. S. Cook, 6 Greenland St. Belfast, Northern Ireland, and reads:

Dear Sir,—I am a member of the Cliftonville Amateur F.C. and greatly interested in football. I collect as a hobby all football club lapel badges. I have at present over 280 and I would like, if possible, to add yours to my collection. I like to be honest and I can't promise to pay for it, much as I would like to, for there is difficulty in obtaining currency. I am an adult. Hoping you can oblige. Yours in sport, (signed) S. Cook.

Well, you clubs with lapel badges, what about helping Mr. Cook to increase his collection — you never know, you may get an Irish soccer star in return.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Formula for successful soccer coach: "Have not favourites — stand on nonsense" — Manny Poulakakis has proved it works!

PICK OF THE POST

SIR—"Lest we forget" has a good suggestion indeed, and if I may, I would like to enlarge on it.

Firstly, let the "Weekly" publish the names of every Victorian player who has actually represented Australia on the field, when and against whom.

Secondly, at an annual soccer ball, present them as guests of honor. And, as a token of appreciation, present each one with a suitably inscribed permanent pass for admission to any game or ground in Victoria or even through co-operation with the other States.

anywhere in Australia. This, I feel, would be more than just showing appreciation, it would encourage the juniors to strive hard to obtain this most coveted distinction to be a representative of their country.

"I REMEMBER." Box Hill.

SIR—Opposing teams meeting Bell Park in recent weeks have readily acceded to the request that both teams line up and shake hands before the kick-off. The club feels that this

BOX HILL PLEASES

We were speaking to Len Young last week and he tells us he's very pleased with the Box Hill team and their efforts this season. Coach Young says the club has a strong feeling they'll be promoted into top company next year as Croatia and Croatia will combine for next season. Len says the reserves have had a wonderful season and have won their division. If the Hillmen go into the State League in '63, Len says he's confident they'll hold their own with a few new signings.

This weekend brings the official League Games to a close and this column would like to say a big vote of thanks to the teams in all divisions for their competitive spirit of providing the best games seen in the history of Victorian football.

Never before has the State League been so

tight, with at least seven teams having their chances of becoming champions until well into the second half of the fixtures.

Even now the Top Four section is still undecided, and the spectator interest has been high all season with many excellent games that have attracted several record gates to Olympic Park.

In the lower divisions the fight to avoid relegation has provided almost as much or in some cases more interest than the league championships. WELL DONE AND THANKS, ALL PLAYERS AND CLUBS!

Hakoah are mightily proud of their under-18 junior, J. Linardos, who has scored 29 goals this season. He has been chosen to represent the High Schools against the Technical Schools.

Botiari (Juventus) and Copeland (George Cross) both miss this weekend's games as the last week of their disciplinary suspension.

WHAT IS YOUR TEAM'S VALUE?

The combined value of two leading Sydney teams, Apia-Leichhardt and Hakoah, was estimated at £25,000 when they clashed recently, writes Sydney Herald-Sun writer Terry Smith.

These figures are based on the liabilities, dues and assets of championship team Hakoah as at the beginning of this season, plus the cost of fielding the players in the side.

Estimating at least £12,000 for the Hakoah team, holds that Apia are worth that amount or possibly more.

Last season Hakoah spent £16,000 on signing players and gaining transfers to their club.

With players like goalie H. Wenzl, backs V. Mach and J. Aird, half-backs R. Kearns and G. Chaldi and forwards A. Saggi, R. Levi, H. Neal and Karl Jaros, all well-known names in Sydney football, the club must have spent a lot of money.

Apia have Leo Baumgartner, Joe Marston, Brian Morrow and V. Wentzel on their books to show for the money that

MATCH POINTS

Croat reserve goalie Bobetic played a sterling game in the absence of regular keeper Djukic, who was over in Adelaide with the Victorian team.

We have news of big things for Melbourne Soccer Club next season. Secretary Vic Manson is negotiating in Britain for some top players for 1963.

Vince Vacirea, one-time Hakoah and Slavia player, was seen on the sideline at Elsternwick Park last Saturday in Zebra strip as first reserve for Juventus.

Also seen at Elsternwick Park, as a supporter on the fence, was one of the best forwards that ever spearheaded the great Juventus team of the 50's — Beppi Platco. The same handsome Beppi, but at least two stone heavier than he was in his playing days.

Slavia gave Juventus several frights, and the score was 1-1 at 87 minutes when the Zebras scored two within a minute to clinch their place in the "final four."

In spite of the soggy conditions at Olympic Park last Sunday, J.U.S.T. and Melbourne gave the fans good entertainment. The greasy ball was, as usual, less helpful to the defenders than it was to the attackers, and the teams scored eight goals between them.

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Trident, Slavia win the double

By ALBERT MERRILLS

Trident's Under-14's and Slavia Under-12's have both won the League Championship and Cup in the respective age groups, and I take this opportunity of congratulating them on their achievement.

The Under-14 Cup was played as a curtain raiser on Saturday at Olympic Park. Trident winning by 11 goals to Springvale 1.

Trident kicked off and won a corner which Springvale cleared, but Trident came back into attack and scored the first goal. The Springvale goalie was unable to hold a hard drive and Wrobel coming in headed it into the net. Trident received a penalty for hands which was converted by Anolak.

Springvale were still unsettled and their passes went astray.

Play was moving between both halves and a break-away by Trident gave them a third goal, when Tarasuk gave the goalie no chance with a shot which hit the post and went in. Trident defence was keeping a tight hold on sharp shooter A. Waaldyk.

A goal by Rollnick gave them a four-goal lead at half-time.

On resumption Trident again attacked and kept their opponents on the defensive. Chudjak went through alone to get the fifth goal, followed with a hard shot which hit the crossbar and gave Tarasuk a gift goal when the ball landed at his feet in front of an open goal.

Three minutes later he scored again, giving him his hat-trick. Springvale still fighting, came into the scoring when a hard drive hit the crossbar and on the rebound was hit hard into the net by P. Krom.

Trident were in full control of the game, their defence giving Springvale no chances at all, and scored further goals through Bodjony, Chudjak, Tarasuk and Anolak.

Trident were worthy winners of this cup presented by junior chairman Mr R. Harvey.

The Springvale under-14 team has been invited to Sydney to play Sydney



ALBERT MERRILLS

Austral, who are NSW champions in their age group. The game will be played at Sydney Cricket Ground on August 25.

Sydney Austral are expected to make a reciprocal visit to Melbourne in September for a return game.

The Springvale club is doing a worthy job in sponsoring this good-will visit, and the junior soccer players and supporters in Victoria wish them every success.

Sunday saw the under-12 cup final, also played at Olympic Park, and the midgits, as always, pleased the crowd with their determined efforts.

The game started in light rain but both teams mastered the greasy conditions early. Wilhelmina received a penalty 10 minutes from the start but it missed. From the goal kick Slavia went into attack and Wilhelmina's goalie brought off a good save.

Slavia, keeping up the attack, drew the goalie out, only to have the ball kicked off the line by a defender.

Slavia got the first goal after 30 minutes with a terrific shot from the left-wing by Hemmerling and at half-time the score was 1-0.

The game reopened with Slavia still attacking and scoring a second goal from a corner kick. Moleta receiving the ball in front of goal and beating the goalie with a low drive.

Wilhelmina were fighting hard and keeping the

Slavia defence busy but they were unable to score. Slavia's third goal came from Conti, who, drawing the Wilhelmina goalie out of position and eluding two full-backs, put a hard shot into the back of the net.

Their fourth came from a combined passing movement ending with a good shot by Hill. The final score was Slavia 4, Wilhelmina 0.

Both teams put up a good show and when the cup was presented by Mr Harvey the crowd showed their appreciation and cheered the boys off the ground.

The under-18 league game last Saturday between Hakoah and Aspendale ended in a win for Hakoah, who, kicking off against the wind, were soon attacking, but their forwards kept the ball in the air instead of on the ground.

They wasted many attacking moves by bad passing and shooting at goal, but eventually scored the first goal through P. Moss. Aspendale equalised 10 minutes after half-time and were unlucky not to go further ahead.

P. Moss scored again for Hakoah, this time from a direct corner kick, and minutes later did the hat-trick. Half-way into the second half, Hakoah replacement G. Ralby, from the under-16 team, playing very well, scored the fourth goal.

The under-18 and under-16 cups will be played next Saturday and Sunday at Olympic Park.

Last Saturday's teams: Trident: Goal, J. Toczniski; R. Back, H. Anolak; L. Back, E. Kryzwa; R. Half, L. Karol; C. Half, J. McGaw; L. Half, E. Rolnick; O. Right, B. Richards; L. Right, M. Chudjak; Centre, E. Wrobel; I. Left, R. Bodjony; O. Left, H. Tarasuk; D. Reinhardt. Springvale: Goal, P. Jacobs; R. Back, E. Dolhatsch; L. Back, P. Bayerbach; R. Half, W. Thiessen; C. Half, H. Rubens; L. Half, E. Waaldyk; O. Right, G. Beesley; I. Right, H. Ton; Centre, A. Waaldyk; I. Left, D. Pegala; O. Left, P. Krom.

MARTON WAS THE No1 MAN

Outstanding for SA in their 4-2 win over Victoria was 25-year-old right-half Karl Marton.

In only his third interstate game Marton handled the wet, slippery conditions admirably.

Marton came to Australia four years ago after the uprising in Hungary and settled in Sydney.

He later moved to SA where he joined the Budapest Soccer Club.

He is a draftsman, but according to Marton his poor English has restricted his opportunities of following that vocation in Australia.

HIT REFEREE IN THE EYE: FINED £20

Hitting a referee in the eye cost a soccer team captain £20 in fines in South Melbourne Court on Friday.

Mr C. E. Brenton, SM, fined Anthony Karayannis, shop assistant, of Little Bourke St, Melbourne, £20, with £2/5/- costs, for having unlawfully assaulted Mather Rossiter on August 4.

Karayannis pleaded guilty.

Mather Rossiter, of Canterbury Rd, Middle Park, said he cautioned a player at the August 4 South Melbourne-Hellas v George Cross soccer reserves game, at which he refereed.

Karayannis then started to argue with him and he ordered him off the ground, Rossiter said.

Rossiter said Karayannis then hit him in the eye. Karayannis was later suspended from the side for life.

He also was suspended for life by the Federation.

Congratulations to Neville Haynes

The officials and players of the South Yarra Soccer Club wish to congratulate Neville Haynes and his wife on the recent birth of their son.

They also extend congratulations to Jimmy Adcock and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

Two new supporters gained.

South Yarra are confident of re-entering the First Division and will be planning a victory dance soon.

SA OUTCLASSES VICTORIA 4-2

South Australia, coping well with the sodden conditions and combining better as a team, defeated Victoria 4-2 in so at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday, according to the Adelaide Mail.

A crowd of 4700 saw the match, in spite of a steady downpour.

The Victorians, played better football individually, but had obviously done little training together, and failed to combine.

Victoria's £21,000 player John Doherty lived up to his reputation: He was one of the best field, and scored both of Victoria's goals.

SA opened strongly and within 90 seconds had scored their first goal when Matiscak shot from inside the penalty area and Herczeg touched the ball into the net.

In the nineteenth minute after a clever downfield move, Matiscak hotly pursued by Victoria's defenders, had only keeper Karposkus to beat. But the ball went straight into the keeper's arms.

Shortly after, a penalty was awarded to SA when Herczeg was grounded in a violent collision with two Victorian defenders.

Marton netted the shot with ease. It was 2-0.

In the thirteenth minute, Moriarty made it 3-0 when Matiscak crossed to B. Szabo, who executed a

quick ground shot to Moriarty almost on the goal-line.

Victoria retaliated violently and within two minutes Kenny passed a high one to Doherty, who headed it through.

Just before half-time, SA inside-left Felton collided with team-mate centre-forward Matiscak and was taken from the field bleeding badly from the chin.

Felton was replaced for the remainder of the game by McGreevey.

After half-time, Victoria looked much better and showed added sting, especially in the forward line.

In the eighteenth minute, Duden (Vic) came pluming towards SA's goal with only Horvath to beat. A goal seemed certain

until Horvath dived ball close to Duden and rolled clear for him save in the match.

Four minutes later Ron Pearce, of Adelaide, awarded the second goal against Victoria — time for hand ball.

Matiscak rocketed ball into the top left corner leaving goalkeeper Karposkus hanging in mid-air.

The last goal of the match came when Duden flicked the ball into the following a scuffle in goal area after a corner.

Goalscorers—SA: zez, Marlon, Mo Matiscak, Victoria: Doherty 2.

Best Players—SA: ton, Matiscak, He Victoria: Doherty, B Mathysen.

NSW WIN THE TITLE

The NSW Soccer team played brilliantly at it in scoring a 4-3 victory over Queensland at Sports Ground on Saturday, writes Terry Smith the Sun-Herald.

This enabled NSW to win the Australian Interstate championship series with an unbeaten record.

At times the NSW team played some dazzling skillful football, the emphasis being on keeping the ball on the ground.

Right-winger John Watkins, scored the winning goal for NSW with only nine minutes to go.

He just managed to beat Queensland's goalkeeper Brian Topper to the ball and slip it past him.

The unselfish Raffi Levy had sent Watkins away with a perfect pass.

NSW started the match knowing they had to be beaten by three goals to lose the final of the series to Queensland.

They won the first leg of the two-match final in Brisbane by the convincing margin of 3-1.

So it was not surprising that NSW took the field after the interval on Saturday in a most complacent mood.

SENSATION

They were in front 2-0, with goals in the first half by Levy and left-winger Karl Jaros, and seemed to have the match safe.

But in five sensational

minutes Queensland (their defeat into a 3-2.

The scoring burst when Graham McE scored from a penalty after NSW full-back Woods stopped a shot Gordon Nunn with hand.

Woods had no alternative, as goalkeeper Lord was beaten and ball was going into the

Three minutes inside-right Brian Trim made no mistake from range after a free kick Nunn.

DOMINATING The crowd settled expecting a comfort NSW victory, and were shocked when calm Wild hooked a great shot to put Queensland ahead 3-2.

But it was all NSW then on as wing-horzo Dunaj and Jim continued to dominate in midfield.

No player on the was more outstanding the elusive NSW forward Raffi Levy.

NSW, 4 (R. Levy, Jaros, L. Baumgartner, kess), beat QUEENSLAND, 3 (G. McMillan, B. ram, M. Wild). Crowd: 7447.

FORGOTTEN MAN OF SOCCER!

A welcome visit to Olympic Park recently has been Hughie McVean, the former George Cross inside-forward of two years ago.

Hughie who gave the Cross four great years of service until he retired, was formerly with Aberdeen and St. Johnstone, the Scottish professional clubs.

It is unbelievable that a player of McVean's calibre should be wasted on the touchline — speculating — many of our State League clubs could surely utilise his services as an adviser or team manager in their efforts to lift the game.

Incidentally, without giving away his age, Hugh has a son playing for Dandenong Soccer Club.

—JIM COOK

WHAT MADE CHAIRMAN QUIT SELECTOR'S JOB?

Here is an interesting article by TOM MCKAIN, which appeared in the Adelaide Truth last Saturday.

THE resignation of Mr Cliff Connolly, SA Federation chairman, as a State Soccer selector should not be treated lightly by officials.

The reason for his decision to resign should be investigated for the sake of soccer's future in this State. Mr Connolly said that following criticism by club officials — "irresponsible in private and public" — he had decided someone had to make a stand.

Most club officials say they do not place too much importance on interstate games, but are more interested in domestic matters.

STICK BY PRINCIPLES

If their remarks concerning Mr Connolly's ability as

a selector were such that he felt it necessary to resign, then what must their opinions be regarding his position as the head of their organisation?

ENTITLED TO RESPECT All men who take on official positions do not expect to please everyone, but they are entitled to the public respect of other officials.

What is said between officials at committee meetings is entirely their own affair, and it is then that problems of policy should be straightened out.

It is not the fact that Mr Connolly has been forced

to resign, but the fact that the Federation's chairman has quit a job that matters.

How must it look to other organisations and soccer men in other States when SA's top man and representative on the Australian Federation feels he cannot carry on as a selector?

It is time the petty squabbles were forgotten and all concerned got down to putting our game on a sound foundation — at the moment it is just a mess.

The wisdom of our selectors will be put to the test this Saturday at Hindmarsh

Stadium when SA take Victoria.

It is good to see that men who chose the club change their minds include Cronia's Gru as one of the full-backs.

COACH'S FUTURE Win or lose, the fate of the remaining selectors and coach John Lindhinges on the performance of the players.

It will be interesting to see if coach Lindquist retained for next season, it looks as if his team, Birkalla, will be playing in the second division.

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STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	P	A	P
S.M.-HELLAS	21	15	2	4	50	19	32
JUVENTUS	21	12	4	5	45	22	28
WILHELMINA	20	11	6	3	51	25	28
HAKOAH	20	12	3	6	41	27	27
GEORGE CROSS	21	11	4	6	40	24	26
J.U.S.T.	20	11	4	5	38	23	26
SLAVIA	21	7	6	8	38	30	29
POLONIA	20	8	2	10	25	26	18
MELBOURNE	21	6	3	12	26	45	15
CROAT	21	5	4	12	20	41	14
LIONS	20	4	4	12	22	42	12
MORELAND	21	1	0	20	15	71	2

— What's on at Olympic Park —

(Gates open 1.45 p.m. Kickoff 2.45 p.m.)

Saturday, Aug. 25 — J.U.S.T. v S.M.-Hellas.

Sunday, Aug. 26 — Wilhelmina v Melbourne.

When we went to press Olympic Park fixtures for September were not known.

WORLD RESULTS

South American Cup. Final, second leg: FC Santos 3, Penarol 3. (To be replayed).

New York International Tourney, Group II final table: Belenenses 9, Wiener SK 6, Panathinaikos 3, MTK 4, Elfsborg 3, Ovidio 3. First leg of final between two group winners: FC America (Brazil) 2, Belenenses (Portugal) 1. The ultimate winner meets Dukla Prague, last year's champion, in the final.

HOW THEY STAND

Argentina: Boca Juniors 17, Rosario 15, Huracan 14, River Plate 13.

Brazil (Rio): Fluminense 6, Vasco da Gama, Flamengo and Campogrande 4.

Czechoslovakia (final): Dukla Prague 35, Slovan Bratislava 30, CKD Prague 29, Banik Ostrava, Kralove 28, Slovan Bratislava 27, Tatra Presov, Pilsen, Kladno 26, Zilina, Spartak Prague 25, Timova 22, Brno 5.

Paraguay: Nacional 14, Olimpic 13, River Plate 11, Tambero 8.

Russia (Group A): Dynamo Kiev 10, Army Moscow 15, Zenith Leningrad 14. (Group B): Tashkent 14, Dynamo Moscow 13, Baku 11.

Junior Soccer

UNDER-14 CUP FINAL:

Trident 31, Springfield 1.

UNDER-14 CUP SEMI-FINAL:

Trident 2, West Newport (Lechia) 1.

UNDER-12 CUP FINAL:

Slavia 4, Wilhelmina 0.

ZONE "A" UNDER-12:

Trident 3, Sunshine City 8; Olympia 2, Ardes 3; Sacred Heart 1, Deer Park (I.C.I.) 1.

ZONE "C" UNDER-12:

Frankston 4, Frankston B 4.

UNDER-14 ZONE "A":

Essendon 1, Deer Park (I.C.I.) 2.

UNDER-14 ZONE "B":

Frankston 9, Wilhelmina 3; Aspendale B 1, Noble Park A 4; Melbourne 3, Aspendale A 1; Noble Park B, Eve 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "B":

Wesley College 8, Wilhelmina 10; Hakoah 4, Aspendale 1; Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "A":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "C":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "D":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "E":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "F":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "G":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "H":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "I":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "J":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "K":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "L":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "M":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "N":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "O":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "P":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "Q":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "R":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

UNDER-18 ZONE "S":

Box Hill 6, Dandenong 1.

WOLVES MAKE CITY HOWL!

As the English football League's centenary season kicked off on Saturday, Wolves Wanderers led the goal parade with an 8-1 thrashing of Manchester City.

Wolves, striving to regain the form that took them to the top of British football in the middle fifties, gambled with youth — and it paid off.

Ted Farmer, who has yet to establish himself as a regular first team player, scored four goals.

Manchester City's only goal was a deflection by Wolverhampton defender George Showell.

Scoring came fast and furious all over the place and in the 11 First Division matches a total of 44 goals was scored, 17 more than on opening day last season.

Scots inside — forward Denis Law marked his return from Italy with the second of the Manchester United goals, but West

Bromwich hit back to draw 2-2.

Burnley, runners-up last season to both Ipswich in League and Tottenham in the Cup, surprisingly slumped 1-3 at home to the high-priced Everton side.

Tottenham Hotspur, widely tipped to regain the League title, cruised to a comfortable 3-0 home win over Birmingham City.

PERSONALITIES

In the battle of two of Britain's biggest soccer personalities — Stanley Matthews and John Charles — at Stoke, Charles' side, Leeds United, scored a 1-0 win before a crowd of nearly 30,000.

Reading got off to a flying start in Division Three with a 5-0 home victory over Shrewsbury Town.

League newcomers Oxford United led until seven minutes from time in their Division Four match at Barrow, but were finally beaten 3-2.

Rangers, Scottish League

Cup winners last season, were eaten for the first time in eight seasons at St. Mirren. The "Saints" took top place in their section by their 2-1 win.

Hearts, runners-up to Rangers in the League Cup, came back into reckoning with a good 2-0 away win over League champions Dundee. Celtic also won 4-0 at home to Dundee United.

Results

Results of English and Scottish soccer matches last weekend were:

DIVISION ONE: Aston Villa 2, West Ham United 1; Burnley 1, Everton 3; Fulham 2, Leicester City 1; Ipswich Town 3, Blackburn Rovers 3; Leyton Orient 1, Arsenal 3; Liverpool 1, Blackpool 2; Manchester United 2, West Bromwich Albion 2; Nottingham Forest 2, Sheffield United 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Bolton Wanderers 1; Tottenham Hotspur 4, Birmingham City 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 8, Manchester City 1.

DIVISION TWO: Bury 1, Luton Town 0; Cardiff City 4, Newcastle United 4; Charlton Athletic 3, Swansea Town 2; Huddersfield Town 3, Derby County 3; Plymouth Argyle 2, Grimsby Town 0; Portsmouth 4, Walsall 1; Preston North End 2, Norwich City 2; Rotherham United 0, Chelsea 1; Southampton United 2, Southampton 1; Stoke City 0, Leeds United 1; Sunderland 3, Middlesbrough 1.

DIVISION THREE: Barnsley 1, Swindon Town 1; Bourne-mouth 3, Peterborough United 3; Bradford 1, Colchester United 1; Bristol City 2, Millwall 2; Coventry City 2, Notts County 2; Crystal Palace 1, Halifax Town 0; Hull City 3, Bristol Rovers 0; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Brighton and Hove Albion 2; Reading 5, Shrewsbury Town 0; Watford 3, Southend United 1; Wrexham 0, Port Vale 1.

DIVISION FOUR: Barrow 3, Oxford United 2; Darlington 1, Aldershot 1; Doncaster Rovers 0, Brentford 2; Exeter City 0, Torquay 3; Gillingham 2, Chester 1; Hartlepool United 2, Newport County 3; Lincoln City 1, Southport 1; Tranmere Rovers 2, Mansfield Town 1; Rochdale 0, Oldham Athletic 3; Bradford City 1; Southport 1; Crewe Alexandra 3; Stockport County 1, York City 1; Workington 0, Chesterfield 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Aberdeen 3, Falkirk 0; Arbroath 1, Dundee United 1; Dundee 1, Arbroath 3; Ayr Athletic 4; Brechin City 3,

Dumbarton 3; Celtic 4, Dundee United 0; Cowden 0, St. Johnstone 7; Dundee 0, Hearts 2; East Stirling 3, Berwick Rangers 3; Hamilton Academicals 4, Ayr United 4.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Hibernian 3, Third Lanark 2; Partick Thistle 1, Motherwell 0; Queen of the South 2, Montrose 1; Queen's Park 3, East Fife 0; Raith Rovers 2, Kilmarnock 3; St. Mirren 2, Rangers 1; Stenhousemuir 4, Forfar Athletic 3; Stirling Albion 1, Morton 4; Stranraer 3, Clyde 5.

IRISH LEAGUE: Ulster Cup: Ards 2, Bangor 1; Coleraine 0, Cliftonville 0; Crusaders 1, Ballymena United 2; Glenties 1, Portadown 3; Rangers 2, Derry City 2; Linfield 7, Distillery 0.

Goulburn-Valley Soccer Federation

Result of Sunday, August 19, 10th week, 2nd round: Maccabiah v Benalla 4-1; Tatura v Cobham 4-6; Myrtleford v Wangaratta 2-2, game suspended by referee before end.

LADDER

Team	P	W	D	L	P
Shepp. East Utd.	17	11	3	3	23
Macedonia	17	10	2	5	22
Roma	16	10	2	4	22
Benalla	16	10	2	4	22
Cobham	16	10	2	4	22
Myrtleford	16	8	3	5	19
Wangaratta	16	7	4	5	18
Shepp. City	17	3	1	9	9
Girgarre	16	3	1	12	7
Tatura	17	2	0	15	4

The game Roma v Girgarre was postponed due to the rain. The game Macedonia v Benalla was played at St. Brendan ground. The new ground was too wet and at the last moment it was decided to play on the other ground. A Melbourne referee officiated.

The worst game of the season, between Myrtleford and Wangaratta, was played at Myrtleford. Referee A. R. Zito as soon as he arrived at Myrtleford asked for the police to be present, and the president went and called the only policeman on duty. The policeman could not stay all the time as he had other jobs to do. At about 20 minutes after half-time a player in an offside position, three players nearly punched the referee, and the other players of Myrtleford, including the captain, did their best to protect the referee. The referee sent Travnoff off, but he refused to go. When he called the captain and an argument started, after which he called the game off.

LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Croat 2, Hakoah 4
Lions v George Cross 1
J.U.S.T. v Slavia
S.M.-Hellas v Moreland 1
Melbourne 3, J.U.S.T. 3
Polonia 3, Wilhelmina 2

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Lie. A, George Cross 5
Juventus 6, Slavia 1
S.M.-Hellas 7, Moreland 0
Melbourne 0, J.U.S.T. 6
Polonia 3, Wilhelmina 3

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Sunshine City 1, Collingwood 2
University 1, Fiorentina 2
Heidelberg 0, Moonee Ponds 3
Maccabi 0, Croatia 7
Corio 0, Alexander 2 (abandoned after 73 minutes)

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Geelong 0, Austria 2
Sandringham 1, Brighton 2
Richmond 0, Oakleigh 0
Dandenong 10, Trident 1
Yallourn 2, Makedonia 1
Ferntree Gully 1, Bayswater 1

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Coburg 2, Essendon 0
Fairfield 2, Norlane-Olympia 3
L.C.I. 1, Libertas 5
Cwealth Banks 0, St. Albans 6
Seymour 3, Williamstown 4
Bendigo 0, W.W.F. 1

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Tristana 2, Ringwood 2
Kensington 0, F.N.D. 2
Cordell 1, Moorabbin 3
Rosebud 0, Frankston 8
Park Rangers 1, South Yarra 2
Sunshine Heights 4, Prahran 2

FIRST DIV. NORTH RES.

Coburg 0, Box Hill 6
Sunshine City 1, W.D. 3
Norlane-Olympia, L.P.
University 2, Fiorentina 0
Heidelberg 1, Moonee Ponds 3
Maccabi, L.P. Croatia, W.O.
Corio 0, Alexander 1

FIRST DIV. SOUTH RES.

Geelong 2, Austria 4
Sandringham 1, Brighton 0
Richmond 0, Oakleigh 1
Dandenong 4, Frankston 2
Yallourn 1, Makedonia 1
Ferntree Gully 1, Bayswater 0

SECOND DIV. RESERVES

Bell Park 20, Ringwood 9
Ajax 0, Azzurri 1
Geelong Scot. 8, Moorabbin 1
Springvale, W.O. 0, Wick, L.P.
Park Rangers 0, South Yarra 3
Ballarat 7, Prahran 1

THIS WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Hakoah v Polonia
George Cross v Croatia
Slavia v Lions
Moreland v Juventus
J.U.S.T. v S.M.-Hellas
Wilhelmina v Melbourne

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah v Polonia
George Cross v Croatia
Slavia v Lions
Moreland v Juventus
J.U.S.T. v S.M.-Hellas
Wilhelmina v Melbourne

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Box Hill v Corio
Collingwood v Sicilia
Fiorentina v Sunshine City
Moonee Ponds v University
Croatia v Heidelberg
Alexander v Maccabi

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Austria v Ferntree Gully
Brighton v Geelong
Oakleigh v Sandringham
Trident v Richmond
Makedonia v Dandenong
Bayswater v Yallourn

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Norlane-Olympia v Coburg
Libertas v Fairfield
St. Albans v L.C.I.
Williamstown v Cwealth Banks
W.W.F. v Seymour

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Ringwood v Sunshine Heights
F.N.D. v Tristana
Moorabbin v Kensington
Frankston v Creighton
South Yarra v Rosebud
Prahran v Park Rangers

FIRST DIV. NORTH RES.

Box Hill v Corio
Norlane-Olympia v Coburg
Fiorentina v Sunshine City
Moonee Ponds v University
Croatia v Heidelberg
Alexander v Maccabi

FIRST DIV. SOUTH RES.

Austria v Ferntree Gully
Brighton v Geelong
Oakleigh v Sandringham
Frankton v Richmond
Makedonia v Dandenong
Bayswater v Yallourn

SECOND DIV. RESERVES

Ringwood v Ballarat
Azzurri v Bell Park
Moorabbin v Ajax
Braemarick v Geelong Scottish
South Yarra v Springvale
Prahran v Park Rangers

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FOCUS ON OPINION

MORRIE BUCKNER, Sun soccer writer:—

"Bill Fleming's remarks about the 'final four' are so wide of the mark that they emerge as pure nonsense. His statement that 'the four top teams play off for the championship' is not based on fact. The team which heads the ladder at the end of the home-and-away games is the champion of the league. The idea of the top four playing off for the State League Cup was brought in simply to maintain interest in eight or nine teams right up to the end of the season. And in spite of the sneering criticism of some of our colleagues, THE IDEA HAS BEEN A SUCCESS! This year, the teams have fought hard to finish in the final four for an even bigger prize — the right to enter the Australian Cup tournament. As for using 'foreign' terms such as 'final four', it seems needless to remind Bill that there is no sin in borrowing any phrase that has proven itself to be the ultimate in descriptive brevity."

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SOCCER ROUNDUP

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REPLAY GAMES CANCELLED

The Federation Council last night voided the decisions of the disciplinary Tribunal which had ordered replays of the recent Wilhelmina-J.U.S.T. and Polonia-Lions matches.

Acting under the constitutional powers, the council reopened the case of the Wilhelmina-J.U.S.T. game which had been drawn 2-2.

Referee Bartolo had sanctioned the replacement of injured J.U.S.T. player NIEGUS at 44 minutes, but signalled half-time before reserve player van der Pool was able to take the field.

The second half played the second half and Wilhelmina entered a protest, claiming that, under the replacement rule, he was ineligible to field before the intra-English F.O.B.A. Association states that provided the replacement player is eligible to take the field at any time.

Using this ruling as a guiding precedent, the council ordered that the result of the match would stand.

In the other case, Lions had protested that, in the match won 3-1 by Polonia, one of Polonia's goals was scored illegally.

Since cancellation of a goal allowed by a referee is contrary to law and would not alter the result of the match in any case, the result was allowed to stand.

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The Argus medal winner on ABV2

This year's winner of the Argus Best and Fairest Medal will be announced on ABV2 on Tuesday, September 4, at 8 p.m.

Bill Fleming, the Herald soccer writer and former sporting journalist of The Argus, will introduce the 1962 winner to viewers of the Sports Cavalcade program which is compared by Graeme Cope.

The winner is decided by secret votes compiled by the Victorian Referees' Association.

The first Argus medal was awarded in 1954, three years before the death of The Argus, which covered soccer fully and helped promote the game in Melbourne with the introduction of the medal.

Winners through the years are:

1954 — M. Payne (South Yarra).

1955 — M. Busidoni (Juventus).

1956 — R. Wemyss (Polonia) and P. Cubero (J.U.S.T.).

1957 — J. McLeod (Box Hill).

1958 — W. Westerveld (Wilhelmina).

1959 — A. A. Drennan (Box Hill).

1960 — W. Janczyk (Polonia).

1961 — F. Falzon (Geo. Cross).

Because of the interest in the competition this year, the Editor this week asked

soccer writers to forecast their selection for the 1962 medal.

Here are their forecasts:

● Morrie Buckner (The Sun) — Stan Sklarek (Polonia).

● Alex Barr (The Age) — Johnny Margaritis (S.M.-Hellas).

● Stan Stacey (The Globe) — Stan Sklarek (Polonia).

● Jim Cook (Soccer Weekly) — Stan Sklarek (Polonia).

● Duncan McDougall (Soccer Weekly) — Frank Micic (J.U.S.T.).

● Ian Davies (Soccer Weekly) — Johnny Margaritis (S.M.-Hellas).

● This school WANTS SOCCER!

After all the talk last week about the Sunshine State School, it is pleasing to note an event on the other side of the city.

St. Francis Xavier Primary School have formed a soccer team, and meet Frankston under-12's next Saturday in their first match — a friendly.

The team was formed because a number of the boys already play soccer, quite a different attitude to that of the Sunshine school.

Wilhelmina will go for a big killing in goals

By MORRIE BUCKNER

If South Melbourne-Hellas is tossed by J.U.S.T. on Saturday, Wilhelmina will have a sporting chance in its last two games of equalling the leader on points, but will have an even bigger job in trying to better the excellent goal percentage that Hellas has written into the records.

So when Wilhelmina meet Melbourne at Olympic Park on Sunday, the Dutchmen will go for a big killing in goals at Melbourne's end of the field, and will put up an iron curtain in front of their own goal.

Sas, Godthelp, Norris, Stoffels, van der Linde, van Balkom, Vluogels and Stobbe — seven out of those eight players will no doubt be selected for Wilhelmina's front line and its supporting wing-halves.

And every one of them will be trying for a hat-trick.

If they really put their minds to it, there is little doubt that they'll have Melbourne's defence "hanging on the ropes" by half-time.

Albers is a capable goalie, but soccer of the Dutch forwards are capable of a brand of sleight-of-foot in which the ball is quicker than the eye.

Tibby Becsi covers the pivot spot all right, but Zubiani at right-back may be too slow for van Balkom.

In any case, Becsi, Zubiani and Juhasz will need a lot of assistance from half-backs Garrett and Pribil if they are to keep Wilhelmina's score down to a respectable level.

And if the wing-halves are busy in defence, they won't have much time to assist Melbourne's forwards in attack.

Youngsters Abonyi, Silvers and Menich may

learn a lot from their veteran opponents van Alphen and Mathysen, but it's difficult to see these lads scoring from the right-wing sector or through the centre.

That leaves the left-wing, where Georgeoussis and Weinber operate, but van Alphen, Luyt and Stobbe are likely to keep these two boxed up in their positional triangle.

Wilhelmina will win it. But we doubt that it will be the slaughter that the Dutchmen hope for and expect.

Soccer Weekly Team

Here is the Final "Soccer Weekly" team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select and award one point to as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for the consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in the Soccer Weekly team.

KARPOUSAS (Hellas 9 pts)		
FALZON (George Cross 9 pts)	BUKKOS (Juventus 7 pts)	
GRIGGS (Juventus 9 pts)	SKLAREK (Polonia 9 pts)	MICIC (J.U.S.T. 8 pts)
MLADENOVIC (J.U.S.T. 6 pts)	KAMBOPOPOULOS (Hellas 8 pts)	
TSOLAKIS (Hellas 5 pts)	JURECKI (Polonia 8 pts)	CAMPBELL (Geo. Cross 7 pts)

Other players who have scored points:

Glennie, Cook, Berry, Hassz (Slavia), Burns, Whyman, Richmond (Moreland), Marth, Voigt (Lions), Rusmir, Jankevici (J.U.S.T.), Acunzo, Frangioni, Barbazza, Kenny (Juventus), McKenna, Gibb, Muscat (George Cross), Gronowski, Szygalski, Duden (Polonia), Kourkoulakis, Papadopoulos, Margaritis (Hellas), Garrett, Vajda, Becsi, (Melbourne), Slivar, Rau, Djukic (Croat), Erasmus, Vluogels, Mathysen, Stoffels, Van Alphen (Wilhelmina), McQuillan, Monnering, Alexander, Haynes, Villers, Thomas, Adams (Hakoah).

Personalities make our game

How often personality players put their mark on a game is proved by the attendance figures.

Juventus used to be the biggest draw card in the League, but although playing well and in a high position, they have lost this title to South Melbourne-Hellas.

Hellas have always had a big following, but it took a

great player in Kambouropoulos to boost the gates to the record mark.

Juventus are a team without stars, and lack the man capable of winning the game on his own with a flash of brilliance.

George Cross had interest revived in their camp by the timely arrival of Archie Campbell. And what of last Saturday's game at Olympic

Park? Would the crowd have been as large without the presence of John Doherty?

Frank Micic, the brilliant J.U.S.T. centre-half, has stamped his own personality on his side's last two games with two brilliant goals which have brought his side seemingly lost points.

We know that one man does not make a team, but while spectators can wait till the dying moments of the game for the unexpected stroke of genius that will highlight their afternoon's entertainment they will continue to flock to Olympic Park on a Saturday or a Sunday and prove that soccer is the greatest of all the spectator sports.

FRED FALZON ON MALTA TV

George Cross full-back Fred Falzon will greet the people of the Maltese Islands on behalf of the Maltese community and the club, when the first TV station in Malta is inaugurated on September 29.

ABV Channel 2 is preparing a film at the request of Malta Television Service Ltd.

Already shots have been taken showing various aspects of the George Cross activities, such as training.

The committee members have been interviewed and the club rooms and club trophies will also be on show.

A feature of this film are the highlights from the Hellas-George Cross game at Olympic Park.

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"SPOTLIGHT ON SOCCER"
Every Friday, 7.15-7.45 p.m.

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Stuart Beaton, Alex Barr and Jim Cook

"SPORTING ROUND-UP"
Every Friday at 6.30 p.m.

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"SOCCER HALF-HOUR"
For all the results, views and interviews. Every Saturday at 6.15 p.m. and 7.15 p.m.

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"TONY CHARLTON SHOW"
Every Sunday at 12 noon

WITH
— Alex Barr —

ABV2

"SPORTS CAVALCADE"
Every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

WITH
Graeme Cope



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